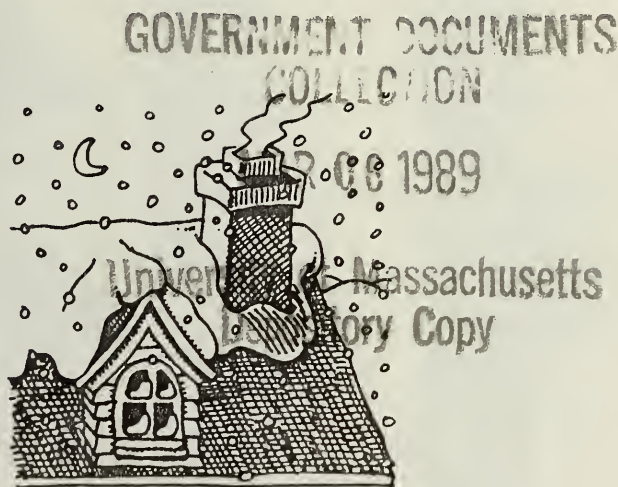


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COLD RELIEF Winter 1983-1984 Fuel Assistance Program



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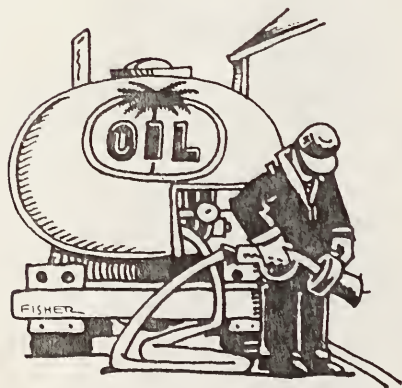
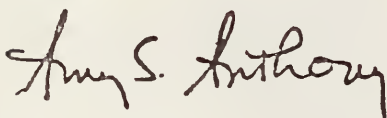
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We are beginning the winter of 1983-1984, the eighth heating season in which the Executive Office of Communities & Development will run the Massachusetts Fuel Assistance Program.

In order to explain this year's program, we have prepared this COLD RELIEF brochure which describes how the program works, how eligibility is determined, and where assistance can be obtained.

We want to help those most in need this winter, and I am confident that this brochure will help us reach that goal.

Sincerely,



1983-1984 MASSACHUSETTS FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Massachusetts Fuel Assistance Program is designed to help low-income households meet the high costs of home heating. It is not intended to cover the entire cost of home heating. Eligible households are expected to use their own financial resources for fuel costs in addition to fuel assistance payments.

The Fuel Assistance Program is funded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, administered by the state's Executive Office of Communities & Development (EOCD), and operated across the state by 23 local agencies under contract with EOCD.

Eligibility for assistance is based on a household's total gross income. Maximum assistance levels are established to ensure that the highest level of assistance is provided to households with the greatest need. The amount of assistance varies depending on gross income, household size and vulnerability to heating costs.

One-and-two person households with incomes above federal limits — such as the elderly on fixed incomes — are assisted through a special eligibility category funded entirely by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Fuel assistance funds may be used to pay bills for a household's primary source of heat, or partial payment of rent in cases where heat is included in the rent.

Fuel assistance recipients are not guaranteed payment.

Each eligible household is given a set-aside allotment of \$325 for use between November 1, 1983 and February 29, 1984.

After the set-aside allotment is used, each household continues to receive assistance — up to its maximum assistance level — subject to the availability of funds.

The availability of funds depends on the amount of money allocated to Massachusetts by the federal government and the number of households that are certified for assistance.

Massachusetts is expected to receive between \$60 million and \$75 million from the federal government for the 1983-1984 program. In addition, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has appropriated \$17 million to supplement the federal allocation, and EOCD has purchased approximately three million gallons of home heating oil for distribution to eligible households this winter.

All federally income-eligible households are eligible for the Massachusetts Conservation Assistance Fund (MCAF) Energy Conservation program, and may also be eligible for the full-scale Weatherization Assistance Program. Your local Fuel Assistance provider can either take your application for these programs or direct you to the proper agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION or additional copies of this brochure, please call our toll-free, statewide COLD RELIEF "Heatline," 1-800-632-8175

or contact the local agency that operates the Fuel Assistance Program in your area. All local agencies are listed in this brochure for your convenience.*

* open page for listing of service agencies.



Local Fuel Assistance Agencies



1—ABCD

Action for Boston Community
Development, Inc.
178 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02111

(617) 357-6000

(617) 357-6011 after 5:00

2—ACTION

Action, Inc..
185 Main Street
Gloucester, MA 01930

(617) 281-3900

3—BCAC

Berkshire Community Action
Council, Inc.
74 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

(413) 445-4503

4—CAI

Community Action, Inc.
25 Locust Street
Haverhill, MA 01830

(617) 373-3887, 373-3869

5—CCDHS, CSDHS

City of Cambridge Department of
Human Services
51 Inman Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

(617) 491-4367

City of Somerville Department of
Human Services

83 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

(617) 623-8400

6—CAPIC

Community Action Program
Intercity
372 Broadway
Revere, MA 02151

(617) 289-8225, 284-6926, 289-8550

7—CFC

Citizens for Citizens
264 Griffin Street
Fall River, MA 02724

(617) 679-0041

8—CTI

Community Teamwork, Inc.
167 Dutton Street
Lowell, MA 01852

(617) 459-6161

9—FCAC

Franklin Community Action
Commission
39 Federal Street
Greenfield, MA 01301

(413) 773-3421, 773-9713

10—GLCAC

Greater Lawrence Community
Action Council, Inc.
350 Essex Street
Lawrence, MA 01840

(617) 686-3915

11—HCAC

Hampshire Community Action
Commission, Inc.
218 State Street
Northampton, MA 01060
(413) 584-4577, 584-6447

12—LEO

Lynn Economic Opportunity
Council, Inc.
360 Washington Street
Lynn, MA 01901
(617) 581-7220

13—METP

Montachusett Employment and
Training Program
130 Elm Street
Gardner, MA 01440
(617) 632-3501 — Gardner
(617) 343-4150 — Fitchburg
(617) 365-2067 — Clinton

14—NEFWC

New England Farm Workers
Council
6 Frost Street
Springfield, MA 01105
(413) 733-9715

15—NSCAP

North Shore Community Action
Program
98 Main Street
Peabody, MA 01960
(617) 587-0767

16—PACE

People Action in Community
Endeavors
166 Williams Street
P.O. Box D-626
New Bedford, MA 02742
(617) 997-5732

17—QCAO

Quincy Community Action Council, Inc.
1495 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169
(617) 471-4025

18—SELF-HELP

Self Help, Inc.
142 Main Street
Brockton, MA 02401
(617) 587-4445

19—SMOC

South Middlesex Opportunity
Council
75 Howard Street
Framingham, MA 01701

(617) 620-1230

20—SSCAC

South Shore Community Action
Council
17 Court Street (REAR)
Plymouth, MA 02361
(617) 746-6707

21—TRI-CAP

Tri-City Community Action
Program
341 Forest Street
Malden, MA 02148
(617) 322-6284

22—VOC

Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.
30 Center Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
(413) 536-0760, 538-8246

23—WCAC

Worcester Community Action
Council
340 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(617) 754-7281 — Worcester
(617) 987-0231 — Oxford
(617) 248-7341 — Charlton
(617) 867-9828 — N. Brookfield

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How to Determine Eligibility

To determine eligibility and maximum assistance level, consult the chart below.

First, determine the size of the household;

Second, determine the household's gross income. Include the total gross income for every person living in your household.

If the household's gross income falls within **Income Range #1**, the maximum benefit level is up to **\$750**.

If the household's gross income falls within **Income Range #2**, the maximum benefit level is up to **\$500**.

If the household's gross income falls within **Income Range #3**, the maximum benefit level is up to **\$325**.

ELIGIBILITY CHART

	Income Range #1	Income Range #2	Income Range #3
Household Size	125% of Poverty	150% of Poverty	175% of Poverty
1	6,075	7,290	8,505
2	8,175	9,810	11,445
3	10,275	12,330	—
4	12,375	14,850	—
5	14,475	17,370	—
6	16,575	19,890	—
7	18,675	22,410	—
8	20,775	24,930	—
Over 8	2,100/ each additional	2,520/ each additional	—
Benefit Levels	\$750	\$500	\$325

Note: Income Range #3 for one- and two-person households is a state program funded entirely by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts